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## MANY MATTERS GIVEN ATTENTION

**County Commissioners Have a Busy Session and Dispose of Large Budget.**

**SEVERAL ROAD CHANGES ARE PETITIONED FOR**

**Bee Inspector Appointed—Erroneous Assessments Considered—New Ruling on Widow's Pension.**

The County Commissioners of Iron County held a busy session at the county seat last Monday. All the commissioners and the county clerk were in attendance.

Road changes, the appointment of a county bee inspector, the consideration of erroneous assessments, and the passing of the regular budget of claims, were the principal matters to receive attention.

**Bee Inspector is Appointed.**

After the reading and approval of the minutes for the September and October sessions of the board, the matter of the appointment of a bee inspector came up as unfinished business. Mr. William Grimshaw was present and stated that the sentiment expressed at a meeting of the bee-keepers of Parowan, and also by a number of the bee-keepers of the southern portion of the county with whom he had talked, was that there should be an inspector appointed, and having authority to compel the cleaning up of all bee stands in the county infected with foul brood, with the object of stamping out the disease. Mr. New Whitney of Parowan was also heard on the question, and gave his endorsement for the appointment of Mr. Grimshaw. The matter was taken under advisement until the afternoon session, when the appointment of Mr. Grimshaw was ratified.

Mr. Grimshaw stated in the course of his statement that there were 25 bee-keepers in Parowan, 37 in Cedar City and vicinity, and some four or five scattered in other parts of the county, three of which were at Hamilton's Fort.

Mr. New S. Whitney, who last had the care of W. H. Boulange, an indigent who died in Parowan a few weeks since from the effects of a paralytic stroke, and who left no clue as to his family or antecedents, stated that deceased left a few tools the cost of which as near as he could ascertain was about \$15, and made a bid of \$12.50 for these effects. The matter was tabled pending the obtaining of the opinion of the county attorney as to what disposition of these effects the commissioners had a legal right to make.

**Relief From Erroneous Assessment.**

Attorney James Ollerton asked relief from an erroneous assessment of 42 acres of unimproved land at the rate of improved land, or at \$10 per acre. The commissioners promised to confer with the county treasurer and that if any redress was possible that it would be given. The treasurer subsequently stated that he had a right to extend relief in the case of erroneous assessments, and this matter as well as two or three others of double or erroneous assessment were referred to him for adjustment.

John Mitchell asked an appropriation of \$25 to cover the bare cost at the mill of plank used to construct three bridges on the highway through the Parowan canyon to the Mammoth, which was granted.

**New Requirement on Widows' Pension**

For the past month or two the matter of the safe-guarding of the Widows' Pension fund has been under consideration and Chairman Lunt of the board brought in the recommendation that hereafter all persons desiring to participate in this fund be required to appear before the board of county commissioners in person and be examined as to their financial condition and eligibility to aid from the fund, and that all the present pensioners be required to appear before the board at their next regular meeting and give testimony as to their financial condition. The recommendation was approved by the board, and the clerk was instructed to notify all present pensioners residing from Summit north and east to appear before the board at Parowan on Dec. 6, and

all pensioners residing south and west of Summit to appear at Cedar City on the 7th of December and prove their eligibility to participate in the pension fund.

**Protest Against License Rate.**

Protests were read from H. J. Doolittle and J. David Leigh, merchants of Lund, Utah, against the present license rate for mercantile business transacted outside of incorporated cities and towns, the present rate of \$100 per annum on stocks of merchandise of \$5,000 and upwards being regarded as oppressive. Inasmuch as it would be necessary to draw up a new ordinance to reduce the rate, and since the license is not being collected pending the settlement of the question, the matter was passed for the session.

J. D. Cox was appointed as justice, and Alonzo Christensen as constable of the New Castle precinct, they being the regularly elected candidates but who, through their failure to qualify in time, had forfeited their right to the offices.

**Petition for Road Changes.**

A petition was read and considered, signed by John H. Perry et al, asking for a permanent highway from Cedar City through a portion of township 36 south and range 11 west; and extending north through townships 35 and 34 south, range 11 west. Said highway to be located so that the majority of the ranchers residing in the above described territory will be benefited therefrom. The petition bore about 20 signatures. It was decided that the commissioners and road commissioner should make a personal inspection of the country and look out the best route for such a highway on the 8th of December, and those desiring may be present and be heard in

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## MACHINE ENABLES BLIND TO READ BY SOUNDS

By the invention of an electrical "eye" through the medium of which sound waves may be developed from printed letters, a means has apparently been discovered for enabling the blind to read. A professor at the University of Iowa has built an apparatus which literally reads print. It is called a phonopticon, and in the course of experiments has shown itself capable of pronouncing various letters of the alphabet, as well as figures and other characters, by sounding different combinations of musical notes. By learning the particular sounds representative of each letter, a person unable to see is made able to read. It is even considered likely that the apparatus may ultimately be developed so that an impression of a painting or photograph may be conveyed to those deprived of sight.

The "eye," when in use, is moved along a line of text to be read. It is by means of this that other mechanism, which develops and carries the sound waves to the ears of the user, is actuated. Crystalline selenium, a peculiar element that is sensitive to light and a conductor of electricity, is the all-important part of the artificial optic. It is the effect which light has upon this substance that renders it valuable for this purpose. The conductivity of the crystal varies according to the intensity of its illumination, since the resistance of the material is reduced by exposure to luminous rays.

The apparatus, which is described with photographs and diagrams in the November Popular Mechanics Magazine, was recently tried out in a California institution for the blind, and also at a convention of those engaged in promoting the welfare of blind persons. After a number of subjects had acquainted themselves with the different combinations of sounds peculiar to individual letters, they were able to distinguish letters and words more or less readily. Some of these tones are given in sequence, the letter "V," for instance, being rendered something like G, E, C, E, G, in the key of C major.

It is the purpose of the inventor to perfect the machine so that it will be practical for use in any home where it may be needed. It is considered that it will be of use to persons with weak eyes whose business necessitates voluminous reading, and that it may also enable many blind persons to become self-supporting.

A Mr. Kimball of Salt Lake City was in Cedar the middle of this week demonstrating the Jeffries car, which seemed to be quite favorably received by some of the local auto fans.

## BLANCH C. JONES AGAIN TAKES LEAD

Steps From Third Place up to First Again This Week, and Captures the \$5 Week End Prize—The Three Leading Candidates are Now Running Neck and Neck, With Less Than Three Thousand Votes Between Them—Mrs. J. C. Carpenter Enters Race for First Time With the Sensational Vote of 9,800, Giving Her Fourth Place—Miss M. A. Benson of Parowan Makes Gain, But Does Not Approach Very Near the Lead as Yet—Voting was Heavy During Past Week, and Much Interest is Being Taken in the Progress of the Contest.

### STANDING OF THE CANDIDATES.

Blanch C. Jones, Cedar City	39,170
Mrs. Margaret Pryor, Cedar City	38,810
Mrs. J. David Leigh, Lund, Utah	37,020
Mrs. J. C. Carpenter, Glendale, Utah	9,800
Miss Maud A. Benson, Parowan,	9,780
Alonzo Dalton, Hurricane, Utah	6,230
Adrean Simkins, Cedar City	5,950
Mrs. Fannie R. Jones, Cedar City	1,220
Mrs. Archie Spilsbury, Toquerville, Utah	750

We certify the above count to be correct.

JOHN P. FULLER,  
M. D. HIGBEE,  
S. J. FOSTER,

Judges on the Contest.

There has been feverish interest in The Record's voting contest this week, and the vote registered is far in excess of anything that has heretofore been shown since the candidates has been reversed, Blanch C. Jones again taking the lead. The position of two of the three leading ing the lead, and Mrs. J. D. Leigh taking the position occupied last week by Mrs. Jones. A new entry this week is Mrs. J. C. Carpenter of Glendale, Utah, who comes up for the first count with the neat little vote of 9,800. We are informed that Mrs. Carpenter gathered these together in less than a week among her friends on the other side of the mountain, and it is probable that she will be a factor in the contest before it draws to a close.

The three leading candidates are now running neck-and-neck, with less than three thousand votes dividing them. The friends of the respective nominees are taking a very lively interest and are looking out for every available vote. The prize car is now here, and in its glossy coat of black just out of the factory, and its pleasing lines, sets all the candidates to longing as they look at it. It is on the program that each contestant is to receive a demonstration of the car as fast as we can get around to them.

Maud A. Benson of Parowan added quite a number of votes to her count this week, but as yet has only fifth place in the contest. However, it would not surprise us were Miss Benson to take a jump and get up in the front ranks at any time. It is surprising that there are not more entries, looking to the winning of the minor prizes. One day's consistent canvassing on the part of any bright girl would be almost certain to pay her five dollars in gold, which beats doing housework. Some young lady out at the B. A. C. could pick up this some Saturday just for pin money.

Blanch C. Jones draws down the \$5 week end prize this time.

It should be borne in mind not only by the candidates, but by all patrons of The Record as well that the contest ends

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER TENTH

and the count will be made four days later, permitting all letters postmarked up to and including the 10th, containing votes of remittances entitling to votes, to participate in the final count. No further extension will be made.

### SPECIAL WEEKLY PRIZES.

Continuing the practice that we commenced last week, we offer a weekly cash prize of \$5.00 for the candidate having the highest number of votes at the time the official count is made by the judges on the morning of the day of publication of the paper. This is in addition to the cash prizes already advertised, and will have no bearing upon the award of prizes at the close of the contest. It will serve as expense money for the hardest working candidate as he or she goes along. Now, who is going to draw down the first Five Spot?

From now on the race is going to be spirited, and any person entertaining thoughts of entering at this time, had best not delay any longer. Sample copies of The Record and copies of our subscription list will be furnished to candidates upon request.

### West Ward Sunday School Concert.

The officers and teachers of the West Ward Sunday School have under preparation a concert which will be presented to the public on Wednesday, November 10th.

The program, so far as perfected, is as follows:

- 1.—Piano duet - Humoresque Bernella Gardner and Lura Elder.
- 2.—Violin solo, by Adree Homer.
- 3.—Male quartette.
- 4.—Piano duet, Pratt Tollestrup, Ellen Nelson.
- 5.—Anthem by the choir.
- 6.—Violin solo, Flossie Gardner.
- 7.—Vocal duet, Pearl and Elora Urie.
- 8.—Violin solo, Willie Palmer.
- 9.—Vocal solo, Wm. Knudsen.
- 10.—Ladies' quartette.
- 11.—"The Grenadiers," by the choir.

Admission: 15 and 25 cents. A cordial invitation is extended to all residents of both wards to attend, and an entertainment of more than ordinary merit is assured you.

### Wilford Day Has Hard Fall.

Hon. Wilford Day of Parowan was in town a few minutes last Wednesday evening on his way from Lund home. He had been out to the railroad for the purpose of making delivery of one sheep, and while there bought and sold a bunch of old ewes on which he realized a satisfactory margin of profit. This deal, which was merely an incident to fill in time while waiting for a party, involved something over \$2,000. Just before leaving home last Monday Mr. Day fell into the basement of the new store building of the Parowan Co-op, badly bruising his hip and back, and giving him a bad shaking up, from which he is recovering only slowly, being still very stiff and sore.

Who can pick the winner in the big voting contest? Can you?

Blanch C. Jones has again assumed the lead in our voting contest, and has made the firm resolve to have that car, or know the reason why.

## ELECTION RETURNS SOMEWHAT MIXED

**Republicans Elect Mayor and All but Two of the Other City Officers.**

**DEMOCRATS GET THE LONG TERM COUNCILMAN**

**Vote All Down the Line is Very Close, Pluralities Ranging from 4 to 29 Votes.**

The returns of the recent municipal election are somewhat mixed. The Republicans elected all except two on their ticket, but on one or two other nominees the vote was exceptionally close and required the official canvass by the city council to absolutely decide it.

The Democrats elected the long term councilman and treasurer, and the Republican nominee for mayor won by a plurality of only four votes. Other pluralities ranged from nine to twenty-nine, so that neither party had much to give the other. The vote was not heavy, being about half as great as is usually registered at a presidential election. Still, there were a number of automobiles at work bringing the voters to the polls.

M. D. Higbee received the highest vote of any candidate on the ticket, having a plurality of 29 votes over the highest democratic nominee for short term councilman.

The complete official vote is given below, together with the plurality of each of the successful candidates. In each case the name of the Republican nominee appears first beneath the title of the office, the Democratic nominees come next and the Socialists last. The Socialist vote was not as heavy this year as it has been at some previous elections.

NAME OF CANDIDATE	Dist. No. 1, East	Dist. No. 2, West	Total vote	Pluralities
For Mayor—				
Thos. J. Jones	81	69	150	9
J. M. B. Higbee	69	72	141	
George Urie	35	36	71	
For Recorder—				
J. H. Arthur	82	68	150	4
Maeser Dailey	72	74	146	
J. G. Stevenson	29	35	64	
For Treasurer—				
Orson Bryant	77	53	130	
E. H. Macfarlane	28	84	112	20
Gomer Coslett	26	28	54	
Councilman, 4 yrs.				
A. N. Leonard	77	53	130	
Parley Dailey	77	90	167	37
Daniel T. Leigh	27	33	60	
Councilmen, 2 yrs.				
H. H. Lunt	95	73	168	22
Rob't A. Thorley	94	68	162	28
Myron D. Higbee	94	73	167	29
Wm. H. Corry	66	72	138	
Henry L. Jones	58	75	133	
Rob't S. Gardner	59	67	126	
John Chatterley	24	29	53	
Thos. S. Bladen	27	30	57	
Albert F. Gower	26	32	58	

Manager Leigh of the Electric light plant informs us that there will be no power tomorrow (Saturday) while the race is being cleaned preparatory for the cold weather.

### BRANCH A. C. NOTES.

The inter-class track meet will be held Friday afternoon. The boys are in excellent condition for this meet, which will be especially interesting because of the fact that the lettered-men will be allowed to take part.

Principal Homer, who has been away on business in the northern part of the state, has returned.

The much talked of and long looked for number of the Lyceum course was given last Monday night. The "Oracles" proved to be all that was expected and more. The hall was crowded, many people being turned away because of the lack of room. Every part of the program was something new and of very high class.

The first issue of the "Student" has been given out to the students, who are well pleased with the paper. The staff have worked hard on this number and deserve a great deal of credit for their efforts.

Coach Christensen is with us again. We are all glad to have him here for his jolly smile and lively ways help the students in many a weary moment.

The chapel exercises were out of the ordinary last Tuesday morning. Many of the town people were out and also the district school children. The large attendance was due to the fact that the "Oracles" each gave a number from their program. Mr. Knudsen gave an excellent talk on the subject, "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

Just take a glance at the handsome little Ford car on exhibition in front of The Record office today, which will be given to the candidate having the highest number of votes on the final count December 10th. Nice enough for anybody, isn't it?

Mrs. Sadie Buckwalter, who has spent the summer in northern Utah and Idaho, has stayed two or three days in Cedar this week visiting relatives before going on to Goldstrike, Washington county, where she has been engaged to teach school this winter. The school will open at that place next Monday.

E. T. Thornton was over from New Castle the fore part of the week and made this office a pleasant call. He reported business fairly good out in that country. Wilson Tullis, he said, is erecting a neat home of cement blocks and there are a number of other improvements in progress. Just at present there is no work being done on the projected new reservoir which is expected to greatly extend the cultivated area of that locality, but it is the intention to make a substantial start this fall and then push the work vigorously in the spring.

### M. I. A. Conjoint Meeting.

The young women and young men of both wards will meet conjointly in the tabernacle next Sunday night. Everyone is invited to attend. The meeting will begin at 7:30. The following program will be given:  
Vocal solo - Helen Nelson  
Prayer.  
Piano duet, Pratt Tollestrup and Ellen Nelson.  
Talk, "True to Ourselves," - Hunter Lunt.  
Short Talk - Mrs. Wrigley  
Chorus, "Roses and Lilies," - Junior Girls of East Ward.  
Prayer.

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